Dear Sir:
This Broadcast Flag idea is terrible. It has the potential to outlaw software
and hardware which are not being used in any unlawfull way. Our country was
founded on innocent to proven guilty. Just because I own a computer that has no
broadcast flag detection doesn't mean I am doing anything illegal. Same for
software. I fear those who create their own software and those who build there
own computers will be unfairly discrimated against and label as criminal. This
is especially scarey for software such as linux which is all about self
impowerment, society driven, non profit, betterhood of mankind. A rule like the
broadcast flag could do so much damage to those not guilty of any pirating of
music, movies, etc. Also it puts a cartel in control of the design and
licensing of equipment where they can easily cause grief to those small time
individuals who wish to publish there own material. The hardware/software to do
that will be harder to obtain and cost more with manda!
 tory broadcast flag detection and enforcement. Please do not punish honest
people. We don't need handcuffs to continue to be honest. Nor do we wish to
pay for them. Or our children.

thank you
Larry Johnson